

## THE AMERICAN BOY.

Is it at all strange that some of the qualities and virtues which belonged to our women in an older day are now being transferred to the opposite sex? Can we marvel at the production of self-sacrificing American boys, who go to work as soon as he has finished at the high school, or even at the grammar school, and regally put a share of his wages into the family fund that is sending Edith or Mabel to Vassar or Bryn Mawr? Certainly the living American boy of eighteen or twenty measures well up in the scale of merit with any young man that the world has yet produced, says the New York Mail. We hear a good deal of complaint about his cigarette smoking, and his rough ways and impertinence, and other defects; but if his dissipation were to be compared with the heavy drinking and lawless propensities of the smart youth of 50 years ago, he would be found to be rather a model of conduct than otherwise. He is better not worse, than his father was at the same age. And he is more thorough in imbued with the notion that it is his duty in life to be competent, and strong, and productive, than any other boy who ever looked out upon the great world with eager eyes.

The official announcement that the death rate in the United States last year dropped to 15 per 1,000 of population is indicative of the increasing healthfulness of the country. With the single exception of Great Britain which surpasses this nation by a fraction, the United States now has the lowest death rate of any country in the world. While the decrease is attributed largely to the absence of great epidemics, the facts are highly creditable and show that we are making not only progress in everything pertaining to hygiene, the crusades against the "white plague" and other ailments which have contributed greatly to the mortality lists are evidences of effective co-operation on the part of benevolent and sanitary science.

It may be that the young women of the west are turning eastward, where more sedate habits prevail; and it may also be that the young women of the east no longer have the same desire to go west that they did when a possible "virginian" was waiting at every ranch to make romantic love to visitors. The fact of the matter is that school-teachers are now very much in demand all over the country, says the St. Louis Times. The number of schools and instructors is constantly increasing, and there are posts at home for those who like the work of teaching, and who are properly equipped for it.

American potatoes have won a notable victory. For thirty-five years they have been barred out of France on the ground that many of them were affected by a disease that might contaminate the French tubers. As a matter of fact American potatoes are about as healthy as any that are grown. The French scientists, having investigated the matter thoroughly, have concluded that there is no good ground for exclusion, and American potatoes will be admitted freely. As the French potato crop is poor this year such action assures an important addition to the food supply.

New Jersey is moving for the construction of a ship canal across the state as a link in the proposed coastal waterway between Boston and Florida. Thus a new field of endeavor is likely to be opened for the enterprising New Jersey mosquito.

That Frenchman who ascended in an aeroplane to the height of 9,121 feet and froze his carburetor should be allowed to keep his altitude record unbroken. Frost bites achieved in high altitudes add nothing to the joy of the human race.

A picture entitled "The Bath of Diana" has recently been sold for \$200,000. Somehow, we can't help feeling that if we were going to pay \$200,000 for a picture we should wish to get one that we could show to our girl friends.

Scientists have recently discovered that it is hard to get back to work on Monday, but in many other respects the savants are quite abreast of the times.

Twelve dollars having been stolen from a Georgia editor, let us have no more jokes about the lack of prosperity of southern journalists.

If there are a great number of hens of the Scranton, Pa., variety we can expect the price of eggs to drop in a few days.

When a town has only one barber it might be well for a guardian to be sent along with him when he leaves the city.

Built Nest in Old Pump. A pair of tits built their nest at Highmore, Wiltshire, Cumberland, England, in a disused and one-time famous iron pump, which formerly stood in Wiltshire Market-Place, and was referred to by Charles Dickens in one of his books.

Immense Palm Leaves. Palm trees have the largest leaves. The Inaja palm of the Amazon country has leaves which reach a length of from 30 to 50 feet, and a breadth of from 10 to 15 feet.

## The World's Wonders

STRANGE THINGS FOUND IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE EARTH

## Finding Diamond in Elephant



Examining the interior of an elephant with the aid of the X-ray in order to locate a valuable jewel was the novel operation recently performed. The animal, taking sugar from the hand of an admirer, accidentally took also a diamond ring worth \$450 and swallowed it. The great beast's hide was marked off into sections and the X-ray photographic plates used were numbered to correspond. The ring was located and recovered.

## POINTS ON TEMPERATURE.

Miles City, Mont., holds the record for variation in temperature. The highest temperature recorded there is 111 degrees, which is within 8 degrees of the highest recorded in the United States. Miles City's lowest mark has been 67 degrees below zero, which is truly arctic. The range between these two extremes is 178 degrees, which is a record. Phoenix, Ariz., holds the record for the hottest weather, 119 degrees. Yuma saw the mercury touch 118 degrees. The southern tip of Florida is the only spot in the United States which has never been known to freeze. The most equable climate in the country is found in Taos, N.M., in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, between Washington and Vancouver island, where the temperature never has been above 80 degrees, and rarely falls below 50 degrees.—London Globe.

## PORTABLE FOLDING BOAT



Some genius in Europe has devised a novel boat that already is gaining great favor. It is so constructed that it can be folded to resemble a large valise, the package containing paddle, floats and other necessities, and the whole contrivance is so light that it can be carried easily by a man. The box in which the loose parts are packed forms the body of the boat, which is kept afloat by means of cigar-shaped "balloons" into which air is pumped.

## IS THE NUMBER 13 UNLUCKY?

What is known as the "hoodoo" of number 13 would seem to have been dispelled in the recent marriage at St. Louis of Miss Ethel Watson and Thomas Finnegan. According to the presumably veracious record of the event the couple met August 13, 1908, were engaged March 13, 1910, bought their home August 13. Last these were not enough thirteens, Tuesday, September 13, is also the bride's birthday, and thirteen guests were present at the wedding breakfast.

## REMOVING THE STOMACH

The operation of removing the entire stomach was first successfully performed by Schieler of Zurich, in 1897. Mr. Vassallo, a surgeon of Argentina, now reports having performed other operations, and considers their gravity more apparent than real. Four months after the complete removal of this organ the patient was in excellent health, with no inconvenience except the necessity of eating often and but little at a time.

## LIVELY RACE FOR A WIFE

A taxicab won out in a 35-mile race with a train at Tacoma, Wash., the stake being a wife. The young husband, Charles Marvin, purchased a train at Seattle to purchase some cigars, and returning saw the coach containing his newly-made bride pulling out from the depot. Marvin at once hired a taxicab and started on a race after the train. They were two minutes behind at Auburn, 15 miles from Seattle, but with better roads from there on the speed of the machine increased and when they pulled into the station at Tacoma they were ten minutes ahead of the train, and the resourceful husband rejoined his astonished young wife.

## DOG'S UNUSUAL ADVENTURE

An otter hound belonging to the Crowhurst (Sussex) pack, and a terrier have had a remarkable adventure during a hunt at Sidley Bridge, where they lost in a big drain, where they remained imprisoned for 17 days. Men

## DREAM REUNITES SISTERS

After a separation of almost half a century two sisters have been reunited in their old age by means of a dream. Dreaming that her sister, Mrs. Louisa Corlette, whom she had not seen for some fifty years, was living in Gloucester, N. J., Mrs. Laura J. Collier of Newark, N. J., sent a letter to the postmaster at Gloucester asking for information. The return mail brought the tidings that Mrs. Corlette lived there, and soon the sisters met. There was an affecting scene when Mrs. Collier arrived at Gloucester. The sisters had been separated since the death of their father in Baltimore, and each believed that the other was dead. Mrs. Collier said that she had the dream a month previous to the happy reunion. It impressed her so much that she wrote to the postmaster at Gloucester. After handing her letter over to Mrs. Corlette, the postmaster sent a note to Mrs. Collier. By the next post Mrs. Corlette sent a letter asking her sister to come at once. Both sisters are more than sixty-five years old. They declared when they met that it was the happiest day of their lives.

## PASSING OF ELTHAM PALACE



The people of England who have an appreciative reverence for the historical buildings of their country are regretting the rapid decay of the royal palace of Eltham, which for three centuries has been the home of English kings and has been the scene of a long procession of splendor and pageantry. The great banqueting hall, which was built by Edward IV, is the sole remaining portion of the vast pile of buildings that once formed the palace. Its beautiful roof of chestnut wood is still in fair condition, but unless extensive repairs are made and kept up the old hall will not stand much longer. The neglect of Eltham began under Elizabeth, and later the parliament forces seized and dismantled the palace.

## TRAVELS OF A LEG

"I know a wooden leg that I'd give a hundred dollars for," said the hospital doctor. "I don't want to wear it because I have two good flesh and blood legs of my own, but I'd like that leg as a curiosity. It belongs to a man who is laid up in the fever ward. He has traveled all over the world. From the knee to the toe the leg is covered with the names of places and dates. Singapore, September, 1900; Cape Town, Constantinople, as far north as Archangel, and so on around the globe."

## Sicily's Gay Wine Harvest



The wine harvest in Sicily, when that beautiful island is not devastated by earthquake and storm, is a time of much gaiety. The celebration of the gathering of the grapes sometimes takes the form of processions of men bearing fruit-laden baskets and headed by some of their number playing drums, accordions and triangles.

## STRIKE CAUSED BY BEES

An extraordinary strike occurred recently at Cardiff, Wales, when the employees of a firm of sweetmeat makers ceased work owing to the terror caused by daily invasions by millions of bees.

Driven by the bad weather and the lack of natural food, bees for miles around swarmed to the factory. Barrels of bees were carried out of the works, but every morning saw new swarms of bees, which besieged all the vats, buckets, and bottles in the factory.

## He Could Not Quite Remember.

Voltaire's plaint, "The necessity of saying something, the perplexity of having nothing to say" might have found an echo in an audience addressed for the third time in one service by an old gentleman famed for his readiness to speak. "I was thinking while sitting here of the words of the poet," said he. "I can't just remember the words, and the name of the poet has gone from me."—Youth's Companion.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

## Forging the Big Panama Canal Gates



PITTSBURGH, PA.—Mischievous boys dreaming of gates to be carried away and future Halloween trophies would not in the wildest nightmares imagine such enormous gates as are being made in Pittsburgh for the Panama canal.

They will be the largest gates in the world. Any one of the 32 of them will be about as high as a six-story building, as wide as many city buildings are (65 feet), and seven feet deep or thick.

The structural steel that will go to make them will weigh 60,000 tons, or more than eight times as much as was used to build the Eiffel tower in Paris.

The mighty portals, designed to admit a world's commerce from one ocean to another, must withstand a tide of criticism as well as a tremendous pressure of water and possible convulsions of earth. For years the controversy over gates or no gates, locks or sea level, has been the dividing issue of the canal project.

In the face of fear in some quarters that the foundations on the isthmus are not sure enough for locks, that earthquakes or water pressure would dislodge them, and that an ene-

my's mines or accidental explosion might easily destroy them, the government has begun to build the gates. The cost will be \$5,500,000.

Of the 60,000 tons of steel required, the heaviest single pieces will weigh about eighteen tons. The thousands of individual pieces, numbered and fitted to go together as easily as children's blocks, will be shipped by steamer via Baltimore and with them will go more than four hundred skilled structural steel builders from Pittsburgh to set them. The advance guard of experts will leave here in December and the first work probably will begin early in 1911.

The location of the 46 pairs of gates will be, 20 at the Gatun dam on the Pacific side, 12 at Pedro Miguel, and 14 at Miraflores, near the Atlantic entrance. The gates are designed to hold back water 474 feet deep in a channel 110 feet wide, which means a pressure of a million pounds. The weight of a single gate will be about 600 tons, and the dimensions are 77 to 82 feet high, 60 to 75 feet wide and 7 feet thick.

Each lock will be ample for a ship 50 per cent larger than any vessel afloat, and it has been estimated that as many as a hundred ocean ships may be handled in a single day.

There are no locks approaching these in size. The famous Suez canal is a sea level affair and the few great lock canals would have to combine their gates to equal the size and strength of the great doors of Panama.

## Tragic Fate Long Pursues a Family



NEW YORK.—Another is likely to be added to the list of tragic deaths in the family of Miss Adelaide Cummings of this city. She is now in Boston, summoned there by a peculiar accident to her sister who, on her thirty-second birthday put on a new dress of the hobbeskirt variety, and as she was going downstairs, tripped and fell. Her hip bone was broken and various complications have set in which may cause her death.

Miss Cummings is still a young woman, but misfortune has been with her all her life. Her grandfather was wrecked and drowned at sea; her father killed in a boiler explosion; one sister crushed by a trunk, another killed by a snowball and a third by gangrene; a nephew went down in the Maine, another was killed in the San Francisco earthquake, and their mother is now insane.

James G. Cummings, grandfather of

the present Cummings generation, was a sailor of Salem, Mass., and went down with his ship when Miss Cummings was a young girl. Her father was blown to death in a boiler explosion in Salem. He was a merchant and simply happened along when the boiler let loose. Only parts of his body were recovered. One sister who she fractured her kneecap. The leg was amputated but gangrene caused her death. Another was killed by a snowball in which a stone was imbedded and a third was caught while packing a trunk. The lid crushed her head.

The unhappy fate of the family seemed to descend to the branches, for one of Miss Cummings' nephews was lost in the San Francisco earthquake in one of the collapsed buildings which took fire. A brother of this lad, Ensign Matthews, had perished on the Maine in Havana harbor. These tragic edicts so preyed on the mind of the mother, Miss Cummings' sister, that she became violently insane and is now in a Massachusetts asylum. Now the last near relative of Miss Cummings is in a hospital, and it is impossible to say whether she will escape the family fate or not.

## Everybody Helps to Make City Clean



KANSAS CITY, KAN.—The Armour-dale district has set the pace and now this city is going to be a spotless town. An idea, a circular letter and a few postage stamps did the work in Armourdale.

Mr. Dean, commissioner of parks, selected the town-cleaning day and then mailed the letters to all of the business and professional men in that part of town, inviting them to meet, properly equipped with implements, at Shawnee park.

As early as 7:30 the Shawnee park district looked like a brickyard district when a mad-dog alarm has been sounded. There were men of all sizes and wearing all sorts of working apparel and carrying many descriptions of implements. When all hands had gathered around the bandstand, it was found that the group included lawyers, doctors, ministers and business men, and that they meant business.

The party was divided into three

sections. Wagons furnished by the city and by business firms were on hand to follow the workers and collect the results of their labor.

Up one side of the street and down the other they worked, cleaning the street and parkings of weeds and papers and piling them for the wagons to collect and cart away. And school boys who had not been detained at home to clean yards followed the shovel and hoe brigade with brooms sweeping up the dirt the shovelers had missed.

And the women were working, too. While their husbands were cleaning the streets, they were sweeping the yards, picking up tin cans and papers and cutting the dead weeds. In all parts of the city women could be seen, raking up leaves and trash and even repairing fences. The churches had men working cleaning and repairing the property and the school janitors were busy in the schoolhouse yards.

It is the intention before long to have the 14,000 school children of the city organized into juvenile leagues for the purpose of assisting in this work.

"This is only a starter," Mr. Dean explained. "All of Kansas City, Kan., will be cleaned the same way."

## Refusal of Water May Cost His Life



PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Lying in the Garretson hospital in a critical condition from a badly lacerated scalp, which he sustained when hit by a street car, Albert Maxwell, fifty-one years of age, steadfastly refuses to drink water in any form because he doesn't like it. He declares he has been a total abstainer from nature's beverage for the last thirty years, and is willing to take a chance of giving up his life rather than touch water again.

When Maxwell was taken to the hospital he was placed on the operating table while the physicians sewed

up his scalp, which had been almost completely torn off the skull. Max well stood the operation well. As he brightened up ready to be assigned a bed Doctors Ross and Silk offered him a glass of water.

"I never use it," was Maxwell's response to the proffered drink. The physicians and the nurses regarded the statement as a joke. Next morning the nurse offered Maxwell medicine in the form of pills. A glass of water was offered him to take with the medicine, but Maxwell refused to swallow the pills without water.

The white of an egg was prescribed in the evening, but after inspecting the food Maxwell declared he thought there was water in it and refused to take it.

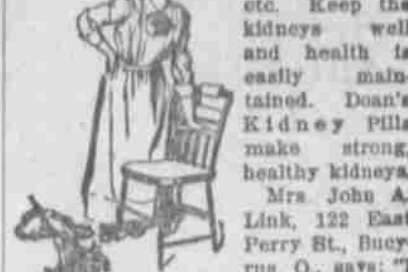
Hospital attaches are in a quandary as to what to feed the man. Mrs. Maxwell says it is useless to coax her husband to drink water.

Well Described. A little girl was walking quietly along the street with her mother when she espied a ferocious-looking but amiable bulldog approaching. With a little scream she clung to her mother, crying: "Oh, mother, quick, look at the dog with the tangled face."

Many Fall to Pass. Only twenty of every hundred candidates for the London police force are successful in passing the entrance examination.

## CHEERFUL WORDS FOR SUFFERING WOMEN.

No woman can be healthy with sick kidneys. They are often the true cause of bearing-down pains, headaches, aches, dizziness, nervousness, etc. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Doan's Kidney Pills make strong, healthy kidneys. Mrs. John A. Link, 122 East Perry St., Bucyrus, O., says: "I was so terribly afflicted with kidney complaint, I could not stir out of bed. I was attended by several doctors but they all failed to help me. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me relief after I had given up all hope and soon cured me. I have had no kidney trouble in three years."



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## Twin Extravagances.

"I don't suppose there is anything gets out of date quicker than a woman's hat?"

"Unless it is a battleship."

Schurz Was Sure of Him. Carl Schurz was dining one night with a man who had written a book of poems, no culled, and who was pleased with himself.

The poet was discoursing on the time-worn topic of politics of the men who take office.

"I consider politics and politicians beneath my notice," he said. "I do not care for office. I wouldn't be a senator or cabinet officer, and I doubt if I could be tempted by the offer of the presidency. For the matter of that, I would rather be known as a third-rate poet than a first-rate statesman."

"Well, aren't you?" Schurz shouted at him.

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## Not a Bad Chap After All.

Hawks—Oh, well, Jones isn't such a bad fellow, after all. Taylor—What makes you say that? "Well, he wouldn't lend me the \$10 I asked him for, but he didn't take advantage of the opportunity to give me good advice."

## DISTEMPER

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## NO TIME TO LOSE.



Bug—Hey! Wait a minute, Mrs. Snail.

Mrs. Snail—I can't stop, now; I am going to town to do some Christmas shopping, and it's November now!

## AN EFFECTIVE HOME MADE KIDNEY AND BACKACHE CURE

Easily Prepared Medicine Which is Said to Regulate the Kidneys and End Backache.

To make up enough of the "Dandelion Mixture" which is claimed to be a prompt cure for Backache and Kidney and Bladder trouble, get from any good Prescription Pharmacist one-half ounce fluid extract Dandelion; one ounce Kargon Compound and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

Those who have tried it say it acts gently but thoroughly on the Kidneys and entire urinary system, relieving the most severe Backache at once.

A well-known medical authority recommends the prescription to be taken the moment you suspect any Kidney, Bladder or Urinary disorder or feel a constant dull Backache, or if the urine is thick, cloudy, offensive or full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a scalding sensation; or too frequent urination during the night.

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